

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **MARK JUSTIN BETTS, et al**
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OXYGENATED PRODUCTS**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Page 1, insert before the first line, the following paragraph:

"This application is a continuation of copending application number 10/281,909 filed on October 28, 2002, which is continuation of application number 08/981,567 filed on March 4, 1998 which is International Application PCT/GB96/01563 filed on June 28, 1996, which designated the U.S., claims the benefit thereof and incorporates the same by reference."

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10*

*(When using Express Mail, the Express Mail label number is mandatory;
Express Mail certification is optional.)*

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

MAILING

deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

with sufficient postage as first class mail.

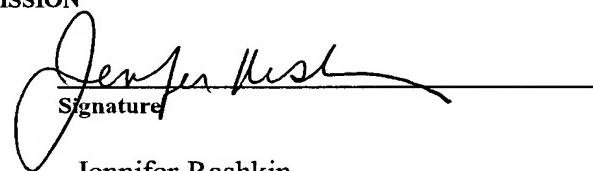
37 C.F.R. 1.10*

as "Express Mail Post Office to Address"
Mailing Label No. EV 327550336 US
(mandatory)

TRANSMISSION

transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.

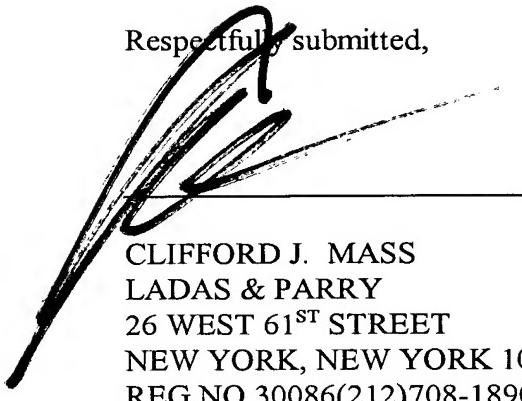
Date: October 7, 2003


Signature
Jennifer Rashkin
(type or print name of person certifying)

***WARNING:** *Each paper or fee filed by "Express Mail" must have the number of the "Express Mail" mailing label placed thereon prior to mailing. 37 C.F.R. 1.10(b).*

"Since the filing of correspondence under § 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an oversight that can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care, requests for waiver of this requirement will not be granted on petition." Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 56,439, at 56,442.

Respectfully submitted,



CLIFFORD J. MASS
LADAS & PARRY
26 WEST 61ST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10023
REG.NO.30086(212)708-1890